sharing of intelligence inputs, and providing assistance of para military forces on need basis etc. have been taken by the Coordination Centre and effectively followed-up.

CPML-People's War (PW) and Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and their formations and front organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organizations under the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Second) Ordinance, 2001 to enable the States to take effective action.

Training to Home Guards to Tackle Emergency Situation

677. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Home guards are being trained for war or to tackle emergency situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to upgrade their equipments to meet any kind of emergency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Home Guards generally serve as an auxiliary to the police and assist in maintaining law and order. They also assist the community in emergencies like fire, floods, epidemic etc., for which they are imparted Basic, Refresher, Advanced and Leadership training. The equipment authorised to them is adequate and needs no revision at this stage.

Communal Riots in Kerala

678. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent (after 2000) communal riots in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of victims affected by those riots including loss of life and property;

(c) the details of action taken to rehabilitate the victims of the riots;

(d) whether the Kerala Government has requested for any grant for rehabilitating the riot victims;

(e) if so, the details including the grant sanctioned, if any; and

(f) details of the steps taken/to be taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Afghan Citizens in the Country

679. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Afghan citizens in India;

(b) what is the estimated number of those who entered India illegally;

(c) what is the number of those who have been charged with criminal activities; and

(d) what is their number in prison/jail and nature of offences they are charged with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of registered Afghan citizens in India is 18826.

(b) While estimate of the exact number of Afghans who entered in India illegally may not be possible, however, such illegal entrants on detection are granted exit to leave the country. A total of 840 such Afghans have been granted exit since 1998. Apart from this a total number of 366 Afghans who reportedly entered India without passports/travel documents have now applied for registration.

(c) The number of Afghans citizens charged with criminal activities is 80.

(d) The number of Afghan citizen in Prison/Jail is 31. Most of the cases pertain to violation of Foreigners Act.

Directions to Fight Terrorism

680. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the aftermath of the terrorists attack on Parliament House on December 13, 2001, Government has taken any steps and issued any